

# MARCH 2011 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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## Tuesday, March 1, 2011

**9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers**

**2.5 Hours**

The Anza-Borrego Foundation has teamed up with the Botany Society to offer guided tours to the best wildflower displays throughout the spring bloom. Fee \$5; no advance registration required. Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall (next to Calico's). For questions, call 760-767-4063.

## Tuesday, March 1 – April 15, 2011

### Borrego Valley Hawkwatch



Join in the effort to count and observe migrating Swainson's Hawks as they migrate from as far as Argentina through the Borrego Valley on a journey to breeding grounds throughout Western US, Canada and Alaska. Volunteers will be present at count sites every day this month and until April 15. Though counts are variable, the last half of March has typically been the busiest time for hawks in our area. For more information or to be added to a "watch list", email Hal Cohen at [raptorhal@cableusa.com](mailto:raptorhal@cableusa.com).

**Morning Count Site** – To catch morning "lift-off", meet on DiGiorgio Road (2.3 miles north of Palm Canyon Dr.) around 8:00 a.m.

**Evening Count Site** – Join counters one hour before sunset on Borrego Valley Road (1.5 miles north of Palm Canyon Drive) to watch hawks coming in to roost for the night.

## Wednesday, March 2, 2011


**8:00 a.m. Hike – Heavenly Hike through Hellhole Canyon**

**5 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a 6-mile round trip, moderately strenuous exploration of Hellhole Canyon. Meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking area (take S-22 south from Palm Canyon Drive approximately 1 mile). The parking area is on the right hand side of the road. Due to the difficult terrain, wear sturdy footwear and bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and plenty of water.

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## Thursday, March 3, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Squeeze through the Slot

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a winding slot canyon with rugged walls, overhanging rocks, and some surprising wild flowers. You will have to negotiate some tight squeezes and a short climb up a very steep hill. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

**2.5 Hours**

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### 2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Mart

**45 Minutes**

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

## Friday, March 4, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.



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**Saturday, March 5, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon**

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

**11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers** ♿

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**1:00 p.m. Garden Walk** ♿ – **Small World**

**1 Hour**

Everyone is impressed with the vast dimensions and stunning vistas of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The desert is equally impressive on a micro-scale. Stretch your perspective and explore the natural history of the park up close and personal with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer for a 1 hour easy walk. Meet at the Visitor Center.

**2:00 p.m. Talk** ♿ – **“Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote**

**45 Minutes**

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.



**7:30 p.m. Campfire** ♿ – **Ranger Encounters!**

**1 Hour**

Join Ranger Don Strampfer to explore the multitude of remarkable experiences a Ranger might encounter while patrolling Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's great expanses! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center. P.S. Campfire songs are always a possibility.

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## Sunday, March 6, 2011

### 7:30 a.m. \$\$Tour - Morning Light Photo Safari

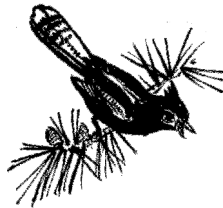
4 Hours

Join photographer Paul Johnson for a trip to a Badlands overlook and beautiful Hawk Canyon for morning shots of photogenic rock formations. Bring camera, tripod, and interchangeable lenses if you have them. High clearance 4WD recommended; carpooling will be encouraged. Fee is \$35 or \$25 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

### 7:30 a.m. Walk - Beginner's Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.



### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - The View from the "Bridge"

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier on the "Bridge" above the entrance to the Visitor Center for an introduction to Anza Borrego Desert State Park and an overview of some of the park's diverse natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources. View the desert landscape and observe many well-known landmarks, directions to take for drives or hikes, and become familiar with some native plants growing in the garden, and perhaps glimpse some desert wildlife.

## Tuesday, March 8, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk - Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

The Anza-Borrego Foundation has teamed up with the Botany Society to offer guided tours to the best wildflower displays throughout the spring bloom. Fee \$5; no advance registration required. Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall (next to Calico's). For questions, call 760-767-4063.

### 10:00 a.m. Hike - Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

2 Hours

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3-hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

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**Wednesday, March 9, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Mine Spectacular**

**3.5 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and return by way of the road. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, Mile Marker 38.1 east on Highway S-22. Extra parking is available at Mile Marker 38. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated strenuous.



**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers**

**2.5 Hours**

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**9:30 a.m. Tailgate Tour – Culp Valley**

**1 Hour**

Ranger Rodriguez talks about why this area is one of her favorites in the park. Learn a bit of the history of the area and enjoy the beautiful views! Meet at Paroli Camp in Culp Valley. Take Hwy. S-22 west, up the Montezuma Grade; halfway up the mountain the road becomes two lanes, take the left lane and look for the "Culp Valley Road" sign and turn left onto the dirt road. Follow this road west and take the left fork in the road.

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## Friday, March 11, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

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## Friday, March 11 – Sunday March 13, 2011

### All day - \$\$ - Anza-Borrego Advanced Photography Workshop

Instructors: Paul Johnson & Ernie Cowan Fee: \$325 / \$295 for ABF members

This advanced-level workshop is the second in a two-part program designed to improve the skills of photographers who focus on the natural environment. Planned to take advantage of the desert in its spring glory, this workshop will take you beyond just "taking pictures" and introduce you to techniques that allow you to create photographic art. Students will be introduced to advanced techniques of creating panoramic images, macro photography, understanding and using light and "seeing" in more creative ways. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

## Saturday, March 12, 2011

### 8:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1.5 Hours

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

### 10:00 a.m. \$\$Tour - Cultural Preserves

6 Hours

The California State Parks Commission recently approved seven new cultural preserves within ABDSP. Join us on a tour to three of the locations to learn about what important cultural resources and significant history are represented in each. Led by Associate State Archaeologist Sue Wade, the tour includes stops at Hawi-Vallecito, Little Blair Valley and the Southern Overland Trail, along with two moderate-level hikes to explore culturally significant areas. Fee is \$35 or \$25 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

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## Saturday, March 12, 2011 (continued)

### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Armchair Roving Palm Canyon

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp for a Rove up Palm Canyon without leaving your chair. Bonnie will introduce you to some of the wonders that make Borrego Palm Canyon the most popular hike in Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

### 12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morateros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven't had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.



### 2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Garden in Bloom

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker as she takes you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover what is in bloom.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Josh at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

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## Sunday, March 13, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Hike – Follow the Flowers: Plum Canyon

**4 Hours**

Catch the blooms before they're gone by joining Volunteer Naturalists Hank Barber, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on this higher-elevation adventure. This quintessential Anza-Borrego canyon hike will lead you to a spectacular overlook into Shelter Valley. Last spring, 88 different flower species were in bloom! Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

### 10:00 a.m. - Hike – Hidden Vista

**1 Hour**

Hike about ½ mile to the Bill Kenyon Overlook from Yaqui Pass Camp. We will explore the rocky habit along the trail to reach the dramatic overlook. Take Yaqui Pass Road (S-3) and meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the far end of Yaqui Pass Camp (mile marker #2).

### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego

**1 Hour**

Visitors to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park often ask about birds they've seen. There are over 300 bird species found in the park, but there are a few that visitors will almost always see. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus in the Discovery Lab to learn about the most commonly seen birds in the park, as well as where to find them. Novice birders can easily learn 15 different species, and more experienced birders will learn some fascinating new insights into the behavior of some species they already know.

## Tuesday, March 15, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

**2.5 Hours**

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### 1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Scents

**1 Hour**

Enjoy an easy stroll through the Visitor Center Garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets in front of the Visitor Center.

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## Wednesday, March 16, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

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### 2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Drug Store

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. This is an easy walk around the Visitor Center garden. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

### 4:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

## Thursday, March 17, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Badlands Bench with a View

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2 ½ mile hike up a badlands wash to a memorial bench with a marvelous view. Learn about some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the intersection of Inspiration Wash and S-22 by driving east on S-22 past mile marker 28 for 1/2 mile.

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

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## Friday, March 18, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

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**Saturday, March 19, 2011**

**9:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon**

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

**10:00 a.m. \$\$Hike - Milling Around Mine Wash**

**4 Hours**

Join Certified Naturalist Hank Barber on this fascinating 2-mile hike around an ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash. See hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins and rubs. Includes stops for wildflower identification and discussions about how the desert Indians used plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. High clearance vehicles are recommended. Fee is \$15 each. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

**11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers ♿**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**12:00 p.m. Talk – Tailgate Tours**

**1 Hour**

Join the only CA state park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will meet and be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Take Palm Canyon Drive east from Christmas Circle to S22 (airport on left).

**1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – “Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote**

**45 Minutes**

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.

**3:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Hawkwatch**

The Borrego Valley Hawkwatch historically counts more spring Swainson's Hawks than any other site in North America – in previous years, counters have seen as many as 500 hawks in one day! Hawkwatch organizer Hal Cohen explains what we are learning about these amazing birds that journey 7,000 miles every year, and why they are stopping off in Borrego Springs! Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

**7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Day Trips in the Park**

**1 Hour**

Join Ranger Jennifer Rodriguez at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program that describes day trips in the part with an emphasis on Sandstone Canyon.

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**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

**7:30 a.m. Talk ♿ – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience**

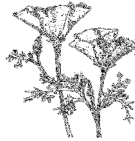
**1.5 Hours**

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

**8:00 a.m. Hike – South Rockhouse Loop**

**6 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a hike to the other rockhouse in the southern part of the park. We could see some great flower displays along the way, plus the other Una Palma. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet near Mile Marker 48 on Highway S-2.



**8:00 a.m. Hike – Henderson Canyon**

**4 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow for a moderate 3 mile hike up Henderson Canyon where we will encounter a nice variety of spring wildflowers.

**8:30 a.m. \$\$Hike - Clark Lake Petroglyphs**

**4.5 Hours**

Join Chuck Bennett, a member of the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society, for this moderate 3 mile hike to early Cahuilla petroglyphs. 4WD is recommended; high clearance is required. Fee is \$35 or \$25 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

**10:00 a.m. Tailgate Tour at Fish Creek**

**45 Minutes**

Meet Ranger Steve at the entrance to Fish Creek for a drip dry adventure in that crazy creek.

**12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros**

**2 Hours**

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

**1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer**

**1 Hour**

The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

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## Tuesday, March 22, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

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## Wednesday, March 23, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

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## Thursday, March 24, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Mountain Palm Springs

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5-mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

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### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ ABDSP Fossils – Surprises within Surprises

30 Minutes

In this 30 minute slide presentation investigate recent fossil finds with Volunteer Paleontologist and Naturalist Sandra Keeley. Meet at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

## Friday, March 25, 2011

### 7:30 a.m. Talk – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Ann Keenan. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

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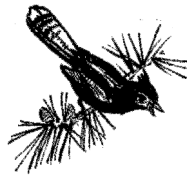
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**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

**7:30 a.m. Walk – Beginner's Bird Walk**

**1.5 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.



**8:00 a.m. \$\$\$Hike – Follow the Flowers: Barrel Springs to Warner Springs**

**8 Hours**

Catch the blooms before they're gone by joining Volunteer Naturalists Hank Barber and Paul Larson on this higher-elevation adventure. Join us for a day of hiking on a beautiful stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail in the high country between Ranchita and Warner Springs. Enjoy cooler weather and meadows filled with flowers not seen on the desert floor. We'll lunch next to a beautiful creek under the shade of Oak and Sycamore trees. This day-long adventure is a total of 8.6 easy to moderate miles. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

**11:00 a.m. Display ♿ - Usefulness of Desert Plants**

**3 Hours**

Stop by the Visitor Center and see the items made from desert plants. Volunteer Naturalist Marge Hatcher will be available for questions about the garden plants around the Visitor Center and elsewhere in the desert.

**11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers ♿**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Garden in Bloom**

**45 Minutes**

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker as she takes you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover what is in bloom.

**3:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Hawkwatch**

**1 Hour**

The Borrego Valley Hawkwatch historically counts more spring Swainson's Hawks than any other site in North America – in previous years, counters have seen as many as 500 hawks in one day! Hawkwatch organizer Hal Cohen explains what we are learning about these amazing birds that journey 7,000 miles every year, and why they are stopping off in Borrego Springs! Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

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## Saturday, March 26, 2011 (continued)

### 7:00 p.m. \$Lecture ♿ - Borrego Skies: The Other Half of Our Desert

2 Hours

The desert is more than just flora, fauna and sweeping landscapes; it's also the glorious and ever-changing desert sky. Join Dennis Mammana for a view of this amazing celestial tapestry from California's only International Dark-Sky Community. You may just find yourself looking up more often! Lecture followed by telescope viewing of the desert sky (weather permitting). Dress warmly and bring blanket and flashlight with red covering to the Nierenberg Plaza at ABDSP Visitor Center. No registration required; suggested donation is \$5.00. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Wildflowers of Anza-Borrego

1 Hour

Explore the beauty of the desert in bloom! From fields of annuals to colorful washes to brilliant cacti, flowers abound as the desert comes alive in the spring! Join Ranger Nicole at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.



## Sunday, March 27, 2011

### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

The seldom seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds "in the wild".

### 11:00 a.m. Talk – Tracks Tell Tales

1 Hour

Tracks tell the fascinating stories of the lives of our animal neighbors in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Meet our Volunteer Naturalist- Tracker Beth Shugan in the Discovery Lab, and start to learn to read these tales of life -- and death -- in the desert.

## Monday, March 28, 2011

### 12:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old/new technology. Volunteer Naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

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## Tuesday, March 29, 2011

### 1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the Visitor Center Garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets in front of the Visitor Center.

## Wednesday, March 30, 2011

### 8:00 a.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3.5 Hours

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian at the call box across from Thimble Trail on S-22. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this 2-3 mile round trip hike on uneven ground.

### 9:00 a.m. \$\$Walk – Wildflowers

2.5 Hours

The Anza-Borrego Foundation has teamed up with the Botany Society to offer guided tours to the best wildflower displays throughout the spring bloom. Fee \$5; no advance registration required. Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall (next to Calico's). For questions, call 760-767-4063.

## Thursday, March 31, 2011

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rockfall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at mile marker 38 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.



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## DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **When emergencies happen ...**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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